



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 28, 2011

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Secretary of State
1700 West Washington, 7th Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: SB 1088 (health care system; violation)

Dear Secretary Bennett:

Today, I vetoed Senate Bill 1088. This bill directs the Governor to enter into a specific compact with other states on behalf of the State of Arizona. As I have articulated before, by directing the Governor to sign a compact, this legislation violates the separation of powers requirement established by Article 3 of the Arizona Constitution.

I share the sponsor's concern regarding federal intrusion on our citizens' health care decisions, and on states' authority over health care administration. For this reason, I joined 26 other states on behalf of the State of Arizona and successfully challenged the constitutionality of the federal health care legislation in federal court. While the legal theories surrounding the use of interstate compacts to circumvent federal statutory requirements are novel, I continue to believe the multistate lawsuit is the best and most appropriate route to invalidate the requirements of federal health care reform legislation.

For these reasons, I vetoed Senate Bill 1088.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Russell Pearce
The Honorable Andy Tobin
The Honorable Sylvia Allen
Senate Secretary
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Arizona News Service